Gateway National Recreation Area

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior



2011 Internship Oral History Project

Description

The National Park Service, in partnership with Brooklyn College seeks to establish an oral history program and archive at Floyd Bennett Field, the first municipal airport in NYC.

A multi-use urban resource, Floyd Bennett Field showcases the preservation of significant structures and importance of open space. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places; the site is home to hangars and runways made famous during the golden age of aviation, an original airline terminal and control tower, and HARP (Historic Aircraft Restoration Project).

Development of the Oral History Project is part of the NPS mission to preserve and protect this unique site and tell the stories of human endeavor and public service connected with it.

Intern will assist park staff in all aspects of establishing an oral history program. Activities will include but may not be limited to:

- Preliminary interviews with residents and retired veterans associated with FBF
- Selecting and interviewing narrators for oral history interviews
- Producing transcripts of interviews
- Use of audio and visual equipment to record interviews
- Determining when a follow-up interview is warranted
- Following best practices for preservation of audio and visual interviews
- Editing interviews for use by NPS and the public

Requirements

Intern must be available to work 18 – 21 hours per week, June 27 - August 19.

- CUNY student w/ GPA of 3.0 or higher in a Social Science discipline
- Ability to work cooperatively and relate well to people of all ages
- Solid research skill and ability to identify essential elements of a story

Stipend

\$1,200.00 Total

Location

Interns will meet and depart daily from Floyd Bennett Field (Flatbush Ave - Q35 Bus)

To apply

Before 4/19 - Send letter of interest and resume: National Parks of New York Harbor Education Center

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